

REMARKS

This responds to the Office Action mailed on August 7, 2006.

No claims are amended. Claims 4, 7, 11, 12, and 14-30 are canceled without disclaimer or prejudice. Claims 31-41 are added; as a result, claims 1-3, 5, 6, 8, and 31-41 are now pending in this application.

Objection of the Claims

Claims 11, 12, 14, and 15 were objected to because of the following informalities.

Applicant cancels 11, 12, 14, and 15 without disclaimer or prejudice.

§112 Rejection of the Claims

Claims 4 and 7 were rejected under 35 USC § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicant regards as the invention.

Applicant respectfully traverses. Applicant cancels claims 4 and 7 without disclaimer or prejudice.

§102 Rejection of the Claims

Claims 16-21 were rejected under 35 USC § 102(b) as being anticipated by Prince et al. (U.S. 5,852,606) in view of Civanlar et al. (U.S. 5,828,844).

Applicant respectfully traverses. Applicant does not admit that Prince et al. and Civanlar et al., whether considered individually or in the proposed combination, are prior art with respect to claim 16-21. Applicant cancels claims 16-21 without disclaimer or prejudice.

§103 Rejection of the Claims

Claims 11-12 and 14-15 were rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Prince et al. (U.S. 5,852,606). Claims 22-30 were rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Applicant's admitted prior art in view of Anderson et al. (U.S. 6,449,275).

Applicant respectfully traverses. Applicant does not admit that Prince et al. and Anderson et al. are prior art with respect to claims 11-12, 14-15, and 22-30. Applicant cancels claims 11-12, 14-15, and 22-30 without disclaimer or prejudice.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1-3, 5-6, and 8 were allowed.

Applicant acknowledges the allowance of claims 1-3, 5-6, and 8.

New claims

New claims 31-41 include the things at least similar to those in the allowed claims. Thus, Applicant believes that claims 31-41 are also allowable. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests consideration and allowance of claims 31-41.

Conclusion

Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance and notification to that effect is earnestly requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicant's attorney at (612) 373-6969 to facilitate prosecution of this application.

If necessary, please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-0743.

Respectfully submitted,


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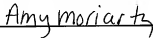
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